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anodizing said surface in an aqueous sulfuric acid bath containing 100 to 200 grams of sulfuric acid per liter of bath at a temperature and a current density that produces a desired thickness of a clear anodized layer suitable for color finishing and coloring said clear anodized layer to produce said colored coating.

2. (Twice Amended) A method as recited in Claim 1 in which said anodizing is conducted at said temperature that is in the range of 18 to 25°C and at said current density that is in the range of about 3 A/ft² to no more than 10 A/ft².

5. (Amended) A method of making a body component for an automotive vehicle, said component comprising a formed sheet of an aluminum alloy containing more than about four percent by weight magnesium, said method comprising forming said sheet into a body component having a surface requiring a decorative finish,

anodizing said surface in an aqueous sulfuric acid bath comprising 100 to 200 grams per liter of sulfuric acid at a temperature in the range of about 18 to 25°C and at a current density in the range of about three to no more than ten amperes per square foot of said surface to form a clear coating of aluminum oxide having a thickness of about ten to 25 micrometers, and

coloring said clear coating of aluminum oxide to produce said decorative finish.

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